

(§§15101 to 15313) of Pub. L. 99-272, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 332, which enacted this chapter, amended sections 5504, 8339, 8341, and 8906 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, former section 4109 of Title 38, Veterans Benefits, and section 3626 of Title 39, Postal Service, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 5303, 5343, 5504, 8339, and 8909 of Title 5 and sections 2401 and 3626 of Title 39. For complete classification of title XV to the Code, see Tables.

This chapter, referred to in par. (5), was in the original “this part” and was translated as reading “this subtitle” as the probable intent of Congress because title XV of Pub. L. 99-272 does not contain part designations.

CHAPTER 21—NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIALS AND COMMEMORATIVE WORKS

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§ 1001. Purposes

The purposes of this chapter are as follows:

(a) to preserve the integrity of the comprehensive design of the L’Enfant and McMillan plans for the Nation’s Capital;

(b) to ensure the continued public use and enjoyment of open space in the District of Columbia;

(c) to preserve, protect and maintain the limited amount of open space available to residents of, and visitors to, the Nation’s Capital; and

(d) to ensure that future commemorative works in areas administered by the National Park Service and the General Services Administration in the District of Columbia and its environs (1) are appropriately designed, constructed, and located and (2) reflect a consensus of the lasting national significance of the subjects involved.

(Pub. L. 99-652, §1, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3650.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 11 of Pub. L. 99-652, as added by Pub. L. 103-321, §2(h), Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1795, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Commemorative Works Act’.”

CROSS REFERENCES

National and international monuments and memorials, see section 431 et seq. of Title 16, Conservation.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1003 of this title.

§ 1002. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

(a) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior;

(b) the term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the General Services Administration;

(c) the term “commemorative work” means any statue, monument, sculpture, memorial, plaque, inscription, or other structure or landscape feature, including a garden or memorial grove, designed to perpetuate in a permanent manner the memory of an individual, group, event or other significant element of American history. The term does not include any such item which is located within the interior of a structure or a structure which is primarily used for other purposes;

(d) the term “person” means a public agency, and an individual, group or organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of title 26, and which is authorized by Congress to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs;

(e) notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term “the District of Columbia and its environs” means those lands and properties administered by the National Park Service and the General Services Administration located in Areas I and II as depicted on the map numbered 869/86501, and dated May 1, 1986.

(Pub. L. 99-652, §2, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3650; Pub. L. 103-321, §2(a), Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1793.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-321, §2(a)(1), inserted “plaque, inscription,” after “memorial,” substituted “an individual” for “a person”, and inserted “American” before “history”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-321, §2(a)(2), substituted “a public agency, and an individual, group or organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of title 26, and which is” for “an individual, group or organization”.

§ 1003. Congressional authorization of commemorative works

(a) Works on Federal lands

No commemorative work may be established on Federal lands referred to in section 1001(d) of this title in the District of Columbia and its environs unless specifically authorized by law. All such authorized commemorative works shall be subject to applicable provisions of this chapter.

(b) Military commemorative works

A military commemorative work may be authorized only to commemorate a war or similar